



National Health Committee (NHC)

COVID-19 Task Force (CTF)



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Announcement in relation to International Aid for Health Care and Humanitarian Assistance

1. A Public Report on COVID-19 Vaccine was published on 18th October 2021 by National Health Committee (NHC) and COVID-19 Task Force (CTF). It was stated in the report that multiple discussions and meetings took place with UN organisations and organisations such as COVAX Facility, GAVI, the diplomatic community, and international partners. CTF's people-centred three fundamental principles: (a) People first, (b) Transparency and (c) Equal and balanced communication, were published on 16th September 2021. The public was also informed that based on these principles, CTF is not only negotiating that the immunisation can be delivered fairly but also that GAVI's activities are being monitored together with the international community.

(<https://nhcmyanmar.org/public-report-on-covid-19-vaccine-oct-19-2021/>)

2. Despite numerous discussions and meetings with COVAX Facility, GAVI in contravention of their own pledges, to date our Ethnic communities and the public have not had any equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines. We have learned that on 30th March 2022, COVAX Facility, GAVI distributed 2.2 million doses of Sinovac vaccines to the terrorist military council.

3. COVAX Facility, GAVI have not distributed any vaccines towards those who are in real need, such as the Ethnic Communities in the border areas, refugees from the armed conflict, the civil servants and the public who are having to evade arbitrary detention by the terrorist military council.
4. But COVID-19 Task Force together with Ethnic Health Organisations rose to the challenges and started COVID-19 mitigation programmes and rolled out vaccination programmes in the border areas.
5. We urge the World Health Organisation, Myanmar, United Nations Organisations, COVAX Facility, GAVI and other international organisations to not only roll out COVID-19 Vaccination programmes but aid and assist in healthcare provisions and humanitarian assistance directly to Ethnic Communities by involving third party organisations that have no allegiance to the terrorist military council via cross border areas at the earliest opportunity. In doing so, we would also like to remind the said organisations to abide by the people-centred three fundamental principles mentioned above.

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